

homestead of Boone's son, Nathan, who built the four-story, blue limestone home from 1803-1810. Boone helped with the construction and carved all the walnut mantels. He also made sure Nathan included gun ports, in case the Indians attacked.

Many family possessions are on view, including Boone's personal powder horn and the butter churn he made for Rebecca. Visitors are allowed to see the bedchamber where Boone died on Sept. 26, 1820 after a rigorous beaver-hunting trip. He was buried near Marthasville and his body was moved to Kentucky in 1845 ... or was it?

The complex is quickly becoming a living history village, with an early-1800s log kitchen, an 1832 one-room schoolhouse (the oldest in Missouri), an 1837 cabinet-maker's shop, the 1838 Old Peace Chapel and an 1839 smokehouse. Other buildings are in various stages of reconstruction on the site, which is administered by Lindenwood University. Students and volunteers in period dress populate the village and answer questions.

Find a quiet spot with a view of the old homestead or a log building, and you can almost imagine the sounds and scents of Missouri's pioneer past. It's an appropriate finale to your tour of scenic, historic Route 94.

Until next time, may your destinations be exciting and the journeys to them eye-opening. ■

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In The Mode

The Transportation Quiz



Interstate Connections

On the 40th anniversary of the interstate highway system, President Bill Clinton said the law that created it did more to unite Americans than any other legislation of the 20th century. That law – the Federal Aid Highway Act – was signed in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. He believed a national system of efficient highways would improve commerce, mobility and national defense.

How much do you know about the interstate highway system?

1 I-70 passes through ____ states?

- a. 9
- b. 18
- c. 10
- d. 6

2 I-70 in Missouri was completed in 1965. When was I-44 completed?

- a. 1973
- b. 1965
- c. 1966
- d. 1979

3 How many miles of interstate highways does Missouri have?

- a. 1,542
- b. 294
- c. 896
- d. 1,187

4 The Father of the Interstate System:

- a. Douglas MacArthur
- b. Harry S. Truman
- c. Dwight D. Eisenhower
- d. John F. Kennedy

5 Where did I-44 construction begin?

- a. Greene County
- b. Laclede County
- c. Jasper County
- d. St. Louis County

6 Name the first piece of I-70 in Missouri, 2.6 miles in St. Charles County.

- a. Route 66
- b. Daniel Boone Parkway
- c. Mark Twain Expressway
- d. Busch Gardens

7 Where did the first eight miles of the interstate system open on Nov. 14, 1956?

- a. I-70 in Topeka, Kan.
- b. I-70 in Columbia, Mo.
- c. I-70 in St. Charles, Mo.
- d. I-44 in Lebanon, Mo.

8 The system has more than 46,000 miles. How many were planned?

- a. 13,000
- b. 104,000
- c. 67,000
- d. 42,000

9 When was the system's last link, I-105 in Los Angeles, completed?

- a. 1993
- b. 1997
- c. 1980
- d. 1976

10 When was the word "interstate" first used on the Missouri highway map?

- a. 1960
- b. 1956
- c. 1939
- d. 1944

Sources: www.roadfan.com; *Public Roads* magazine historian Richard F. Weingroff.

Answers: 1 - c; 2 - c; 3 - d; 4 - c; 5 - b; 6 - c; 7 - a; 8 - d; 9 - a; 10 - c.

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